AGENDA STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2011 Triple H Gun Club R.R. #1 Box 313 Linton, Indiana 47441

- I. 9:00 AM: Call to Order
- II. Approve Minutes of April 2011
- III. Clean Water Indiana
 - a. Grants Report-Jennifer Pinkston
 - **b.** CREP- Jerod Chew
 - i. CREP Update and Report
 - c. FY2012 Grants-Warren Baird
- IV. Soil and Water Conservation Districts
 - a. Temporary Supervisor Appointments
 - i. Newton County
 - ii. Henry County
 - iii. Wabash County
 - b. CCSI-Les Zimmerman and Hans Kok
- V. SSCB Board Reports and Discussion
 - a. SSCB Chairman's Report Larry Clemens
 - b. FY2012 Clean Water Indiana Budget—Jerod Chew
- VI. ISDA Reports
 - a. Division of Soil Conservation Report
 - i. Technical Support Update Jim Woody
 - ii. District Support Update Jim Lake
 - iii. Water Quality Update Jerod Chew
 - iv. Accountability and Technology Update Deb Fairhurst
 - v. Agriculture Affairs Update Jerod Chew

VII. Conservation Partner Reports

- a. DNR Report
- b. IDEM Report
- c. Purdue Report
- d. IASWCD President's Report
- e. FSA Report
- f. NRCS State Conservationist's Report
- VIII. Public Comment
 - IX. Next Meeting: TBA
 - X. Adjourn

A tour of Goose Pond will begin at approximately 1:00 PM. The tour will start at the Triple H Gun Club and will be led by Brad Feaster, DNR, Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area Property Manager and the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service

PLEASE NOTE

This agenda is in DRAFT FORM. Open Door Law does <u>not</u> prohibit the public agency from changing or adding to its agenda during the meeting.



June-2011 CLEAN WATER INDIANA REPORT

Executive Summary:

Administered by the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grants Program is funded through the CWI Initiative. The purpose of the CWI Grants Program is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs.





2010 CWI GRANT

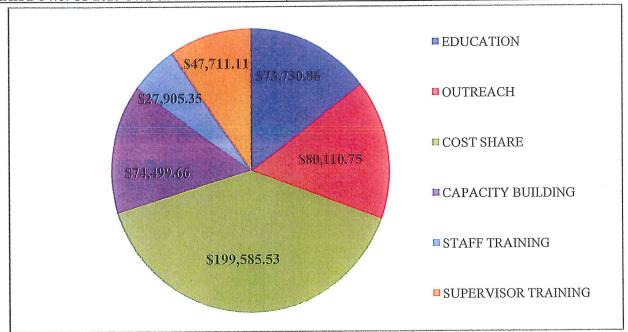
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2010, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) designated \$550,000 for this grant cycle, as well as provided more choices for the use of grant funds. Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to apply up to \$7,000. The focus for this round of grant funding includes:

- Adult Education
- Outreach/Marketing
- Cost Share Incentives
- Capacity Building
 - Staffing
 - Leadership Development Training

88 SWCDs applied for the 2010 CWI grant totaling \$584,409. The SSCB approved all grant applications and funded the total amount applied. All 2010 CWI grants have one year to complete their project, except for Leadership Development Training. Projects start January 1, 2010 and must be complete by December 31, 2010. Leadership Development Training reimbursement may include training from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

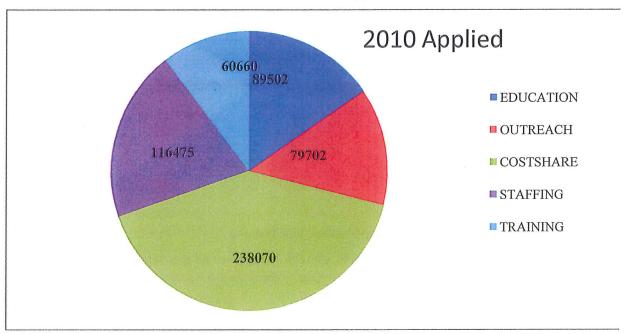
BREAK DOWN OF 2010 CWI GRANT FUNDS PAID(BASED ON CURRENT REPORTED SPENDING \$507,715.25)

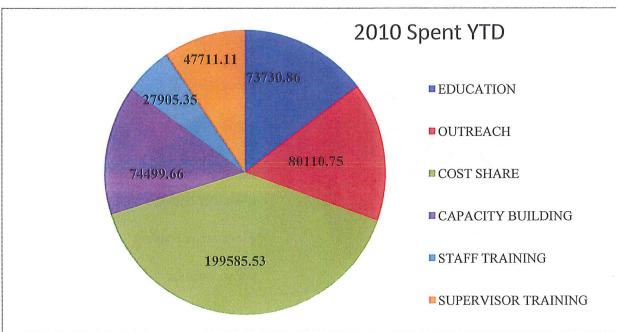


STATUS UPDATE:

- 76 Districts have submitted a final report and final payment has been issued. A total of \$537,665.11 has been paid. \$2530 has been liquidated.
- Final Reports were due May 31. 3 counties have not submitted their final report. We are working with those districts to get final reports submitted.
- The following counties have extensions on the 2010 grants: Hancock (10/31), Lawrence (7/31), Owen (6/30), Franklin (6/30)Perry (6/30), Elkhart (9/30), LaPorte (9/30) Fulton (6/30), Tippecanoe (11/30)

2010 CWI Grants Applied vs Actual Spent to date





2011 CWI GRANT

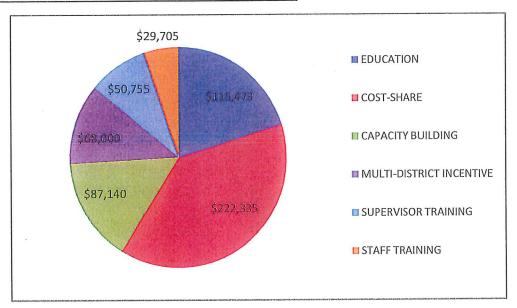
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- Cost Share Incentives
- Multi-District Initiatives
- Capacity Building
 - Staffing
 - o Leadership Development Training

88 SWCDs applied for the 2011 CWI grant totaling \$573,408. The SSCB approved all grant applications and funded the total amount applied. All 2011 CWI grants have one year to complete their project which starts January 1, 2011 and must be completed by December 31, 2011.

BREAK DOWN OF AWARDED 2011 CWI GRANT FUNDS:



STATUS UPDATE:

- To date, 88 Districts have returned a signed contract for 2011
- 88 District have received the initial 75% of their grant request.

2011 CWI WATERSHED GRANT

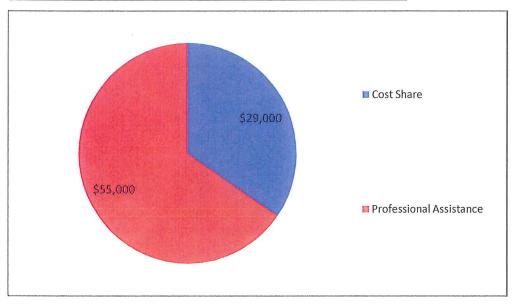
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2011, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) awarded \$84,000 for competitive watershed-based grants. Projects are to fund one or more of the categories listed below:

- Cost Share/Incentives/Demonstrati
- Increase Direct Professional Assist

18 applications were received for the 2011 CWI grant totaling over \$500,000. The SSCB approved 5 grant applications and awarded a total of \$84,000.

BREAK DOWN OF 2011 CWI WATERSHED GRANT FUNDS:



- To date, all 5 districts have returned signed contracts
- 4 District have received the initial 75% of their grant request.



2012 Clean Water Indiana Watershed Grant Program

Indiana State Department of Agriculture State Soil Conservation Board

Executive Summary: The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grant Program (IC 14-32-8-5) utilizes the Clean Water Indiana Fund to support Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in efforts to reduce sediment and nutrients from nonpoint sources to help improve water quality. The State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) has voted to utilize \$XX,XXX of the Clean Water Indiana Grant Program funds to support competitive proposals for multi-district, multi-year watershed projects. Project proposals can be for up to three years and grant funding can be used to help support one or more of the funding categories listed below:

Cost Share/Incentives/ Demonstrations
Increase Direct Professional Assistance to Land users

General Grant Guidance:

- o Two or more districts must be actively involved in the watershed project/initiative proposed. A lead district must be selected to serve as the grantee to receive and administer the grant. However, grant funds can be shared between the districts through cooperative agreements developed locally.
- o The grant proposal must document how the grant funds will address at least two of the State priorities in the State Soil Conservation Board's (SSCB's) Business Plan adopted in 2010 and identified as follows:
 - Soil Quality Degradation which includes the loss of top soil due to erosion, the depletion of
 organic matter, as well as soil compaction and other soil biology impacts that degrade soil
 quality.
 - o Water Quality Impairments including sediment, nutrients, pesticides, E-coli and other non-point sources of water pollution found in our streams, rivers and lakes.
 - Other soil and water related natural resources concerns including forest lands, wildlife habitat areas, pasture and forage lands and air quality.
- Proposals that support current state and/or national initiatives are strongly encouraged. Examples of state and national priority initiatives include: projects/programs to reduce sediment and nutrient loading into the Gulf of Mexico (MRBI) and the Great Lakes (WLEB and GLRI). Current examples of initiatives partially assisted with Clean Water Indiana funding include the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), On-Farm Network (OFN), and the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI).
- Proposals that outline how the CWI finds will leverage additional funding from other sources as well as engage other partners are strongly encouraged.

Application Process: Application forms are available in SharePoint and should be submitted in SharePoint. See SharePoint tutorial if there are any questions regarding forms in SharePoint.

Application Deadline: The application must be submitted by 4PM on September 16, 2011. By electronically submitting the application, the lead SWCD certifies each partnering district has agreed to the terms outlined in the application.

Eligible Applicants: The multi-district, watershed based applications may be submitted by any SWCD in the State of Indiana; however, only one application is permitted per project and must be submitted by the designated lead SWCD. All participating SWCDs must be current on reporting. Please note: Future Clean Water Indiana funding for identical projects/initiatives may not be available until ongoing projects are complete. Participants in the 2011 Clean Water Indiana Watershed Grant Program are exempt from this.

Project Description: The size and number of the targeted watershed(s) shall be determined at the local level. The selected watershed(s) shall encompass lands located within at least two districts. The proposal must identify the current non-point source water quality concerns in the selected watershed(s). If the watershed(s) selected is/are included in an existing Watershed Management Plan or one currently under development, please include the name of the plan and identify who developed it or is developing it.

Partnerships: SWCDs **must** partner with at least one other district and are encouraged to partner with other organizations. Each application must state clearly what each partner (particularly partner district(s)) will be contributing to the proposed project in the grant application (i.e. outreach, professional assistance, estimated funds, etc.).

Funds Available: Each applicant will be given the opportunity to apply for funding under one or both of the grant funding categories. Please see the **Grant Funding Categories with Descriptions** on the next page for additional information. Please note this grant opportunity will be competitive. The SSCB is looking for proposals up to \$60,000, however considerations will be made for exceptionally strong proposals.

Match Requirement: A 50 percent cash and/or in-kind match is required. Match contributions can be federal, state any/or local sources including such things as landowner costs, staff time, equipment use, purchase, or rental, etc. The match is applicable only if directly related to the purpose of the proposed project.

Project Dates: All 2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant Watershed project(s)/initiative(s) shall take no longer than three full years to complete. Projects may start on January 1, 2012 and must be finished by January 1, 2015.

Funding Restrictions: Proposals must fall within the funding context allowed under the Clean Water Indiana Law (IC 14-32-8). The law prohibits funds to be used for food, food related paper products, office equipment or district self-promotional materials (examples include mugs, t-shirts, pens, etc). NOTE: Districts with past due reports on previous CWI Grants will not be eligible to apply for additional CWI Grants until past due grant reports are submitted.

Leveraging Funds: SWCD's are encouraged to partner with traditional and non-traditional organizations/ agencies at the local, state and federal level to leverage additional dollars for their project/initiative. However, the SSCB will show preference to projects which do not add to the percent cost share/incentive rate offered through another program.

Process of Payments: Once the proposal is approved by the SSCB, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) will issue a contract to the designated lead SWCD. SWCDs should return their signed contract to ISDA within 14 days of receipt in order to receive their funds. Funds must be utilized in a timely manner. Districts will receive 75 percent of their grant funding up front and the remaining 25 percent at the end of the project, upon receipt of the final report.

Reporting Requirements: Annual reports through SharePoint will be required for the duration of the grant project and a final report will be due at the end of the grant period. This report must summarize the outcomes and achievements of the project. Tracking of conservation practice implementation must be reported through SharePoint's conservation practices tracking system.

Grant Funding Categories with Descriptions:

Cost-Share/Incentives/Demonstrations: Practices and measures must be focused on the reduction of sediment and nutrients for the proposed watershed(s). Districts are encouraged to provide matching dollars and to leverage additional dollars from other sources. Conservation practices and structural measures shall follow NRCS Field Office Technical Guide where applicable. New technologies not currently in the technical guide may be implemented if reviewed and concurred in by a technical representative of the Conservation Implementation Teams (CIT) or their designee. Districts also have the ability to assist in the purchase/lease or off-set of rental costs for equipment to encourage new technology adoption. Districts may also want to offer financial assistance for demonstration projects or farm comparison plots to demonstrate and evaluate options for reducing erosion and /or nutrient inputs or adoption of new equipment technologies. The SSCB will show preference to projects that are not fundable by other programs, or which do not add to the percent cost share/incentive rate offered through another program.

Direct Agronomic, Technical and Conservation Program Participation Assistance: Funding under this category is for the purpose of increasing the amount of direct agronomic, technical and conservation program planning/participation assistance to land users in the target watershed(s) who are willing to adopt best management practices and technologies for sediment and nutrient reduction. Examples of how funding in this category might be used include:

- Contracted Services Funding under this category may be used for contracts or fee based agreements with individuals, firms, organizations or project partners who can provide additional on-site agronomic and/or other technical assistance to land users to help them plan and implement best management practices and technologies that will reduce erosion and sedimentation and/or improve nutrient management. This may include helping land users understand what conservation program assistance is available to address these resource concerns and helping them apply for conservation program assistance.
- Matching Funds for Additional Professional Assistance —Funding in this category may also be used as match to help partnering districts acquire additional personnel to provide the types of professional assistance described above on a watershed wide basis. Examples include but are not limited to: Watershed Technician, Watershed Agronomist, Conservation Program Specialist (agriculture or urban), On-Farm Network Specialist, and Conservation Cropping Systems Specialists.

Questions? Please contact your District Support Specialist. See DSS Map and contact information under documents on SWCD SharePoint Site.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR, VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

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The Supervisors of the NEWTON certify that:	County Soil and Water Conservation District
Name Darrell Allen	
Address 9239 S 675 W	
City Morocco	
State Indiana	
Zip 47963	
This temporary appointment is necessary because of	of:
Resignation of	Click here to attach a file
(If supervisor has resigned, you <u>MUST</u> a Tutorial for instructions on attaching a file.)	attach copy of resignation letter. See SharePoin

□ Death of Dale Dawson

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of Supervisor. We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS SIGNATURES

Chairman Date Hank Coussens (typed)

OUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-35-4-1

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Zip Code 47963

article imposes on supervisors.

Name Darrell Allen

Phone Number 765-418-3586

Date of Birth 4/27/1960

W 273 S 9239 S 675 W

City Morocco State IN

Education

BS, MS Agriculture Education at Purdue University

Occupation or Type of Business

Darrell is an Agriculture Education Science and Business teacher at South Newton High School. He has lived in Newton County for 12 years. He is married to his wife Paige and has 3 children.

List Conservation and Other Leadership Experiences

Before moving to South Newton School, he served on the Elkhart County SWCD board for about 6 years. He served as a Newton County SWCD board member from 2000 - 2006.

Past President , Newton County 4-H Council Member of Indiana Association Agriculture Educators

Please check one of the following:

New Appointment

Reappointment

I currently hold a public service position/office

∩ Yes

If yes, I have been informed about the "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide

∩ Yes

CNo

[€] No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

Date 5/3/2011



Darrell Allen

Signature of Appointee

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The Supervisors of the Henry certify that:	County Soil and Water Conservation District
Name Mark Hineman	
Address 7455 N Raider Road	
City Middletown	
State Indiana	
Zip 47356	
This temporary appointment is necessary because	of:
Resignation of Nancy Fischer	Click here to attach a file
(If supervisor has resigned, you MUST Tutorial for instructions on attaching a file.)	attach copy of resignation letter. See SharePoint
Death of	

We h	ave	advised	him/her	of the	duties	and res	ponsibil	lities d	of the	office of	Supervis	sor
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Attor	ney	General	's Dual O	ffice H	olding	Guide.						

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS SIGNATURE

 Chairman		Date	
Tony Wright	(typed)		

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

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Name Mark Hineman

Phone Number 765.354.2809

Date of Birth 7/28/1955

Address 7455 N Raider Road

City Middletown

State IN

Zip Code 47356

Education

Whiteland Community High School, Whiteland IN 1973 BS Computer Science, Purdue University, West Lafayette IN 1978

Occupation or Type of Business

Farming, Logging and Sawmill Operation

List Conservation and Other Leadership Experiences

Drainage 201 Class, Indiana Farm Bureau, 2010
Cover Crops, No Til Cropping Classes by Hamilton & Tipton County SWCDs, 2010
BMP Class for Logging by Indiana DNR, 2010

Please check one of the following:

(6)	New	Appointment
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○ Reappointment

I currently hold a public service position/office

○ Yes

If yes, I have been informed about the "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide

C Yes

○ No

[®] No

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Date 6/1/2011	
Signature of Appointee	

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16 March 2010

Tony Wright, Chair Henry County SWCD

Dear Tony:

This letter serves as my official resignation from the position of Supervisor on the Henry County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Respectively submitted,

Nancy Fischer

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Name Jim Wenning	
Address 7241 S Wilbur Wright Road	
City Cambridge City	
State Indiana	
Zip 47327	
This temporary appointment is necessary because of	of:
Resignation of Teresa D Southerland	Click here to attach a file
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 Chairman		Date	
Tony Wright	(typed)		

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Name Jim Wenning

Phone Number 765.524.4884

Date of Birth 1/19/1959

Address 7241 S Wilbur Wright Road

City Cambridge City

State IN

Zip Code 47327

Education

High School Graduate-North Decatur High School, Greensburg IN Associates Degree-Purdue University School of Agriculture

Occupation or Type of Business

Full Time Grain Farmer

List Conservation and Other Leadership Experiences

Current President of Henry County Farm Bureau 2003-2010 South Henry School Corp Board Member

Please check one of the following:

- New Appointment
- **○** Reappointment

I currently hold a public service position/office

Yes

If yes, I have been informed about the "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide

∩ Yes

∩ No

® No

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Date 4/27/2011



Jim Wenning Signature of Appointee

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Harding, Kellie - New Castle, IN

From: Tony Wright [TonyWright@smithimplements.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 8:06 AM

To: Harding, Kellie - New Castle, IN

Subject: FW: resignation

I RECEIVED THIS LAST NIGHT.

TONY

From: Teresa Dean Southerland [mailto:tdsoutherland@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 8:45 PM

To: Tony Wright

Cc: Teresa Dean Southerland

Subject: resignation

Dear Tony,

I would like to thank you and the other supervisors for allowing me the opportunity to join you for the past several months, however, I am tendering my resignation. I have enjoyed the meetings and have learned a lot from all of you but I have not felt that any expertise I may have has been useful to the Henry County SWCD. I hope you understand that I would rather put time and effort where I feel I can be of use.

I would still be more than happy to do educational activities in the schools if the need arises.

Best of Luck,

Teresa Southerland

RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

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ELECTED SUPERVISOR, VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

Sec. 13

(a) If a vacancy in the position of elected supervisor occurs during the district's operating year:

(1)the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;

(2)at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision (1), the board shall act upon the recommendation and appoint an individual to temporarily fill the vacancy; and (3)the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.

(b) The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.

(c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's position, the position shall be filled through the regular election procedures set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that

Rob Shellhamer (name) maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

Address

6003 W Cooper Rd

City, State and Zip

Wabash

IN 46,992

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Resignation of Max Meyer

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE RESIGNATION LETTER TO YOUR DISTRICT SUPPORT SPECIALIST AS WELL AS KEEP A COPY IN YOUR DISTRICT RECORDS.

- C Death of
- No election held

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor. We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

<u>DISTRICT SUPERVISORS</u> (signatures)

Christian Rosen

(typed)

Date 5/17/2011

Keep a signed copy of this form in the District office. Do not send to your DSS.

IC 14-32-4-1

(b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:

(1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is:

(A)more than ten (10) acres in area; and

(B)located within the district;

(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and

(3)must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.

NAME

Rob Shellhamer

PHONE NUMBER

260-571-4973

DATE OF BIRTH

9/18/1977

ADDRESS

6614 W Cooper Rd 46992

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Wabash IN

EDUCATION

B.S. Purdue University

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS Farmer, Sells crop insurance

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES None at this time

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed 100% No-Till, EQIP program- uses waterways & wascobs

TEMPORARY APPOINTEE

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor? C Yes
What was the date of last service?
What was the reason for termination of last service?
How many years did you serve as a supervisor? # Years #Months
€ No
I currently hold a public service position/office
C Yes
I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide
C Yes
C No
© No
By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.
APPOINTEE:
Rob Shellhamer (typed)
5/17/2011 Date
Keep a signed copy of this form in the District office. Do not send to your DSS.

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Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Promoting the wise use of our soil, water and natural resources

June 3, 2011

State Soil Conservation Board,

The Martin County SWCD Board of Supervisors has had a vacant elected supervisor position for the last six months. The board and staff have been searching for a replacement for this position but cannot find anyone willing to take the position that has the required ten acres. The board is requesting a waiver of the ten acre rule and requesting that Kevin Fuhrman be approved as temporary supervisor finishing the vacant term ending December 2011. Mr. Fuhrman's information and qualifications are listed below.

Kevin Fuhrman 9500 Mill Rd. Shoals, IN 47581

812-709-2822

DOB: 8-27-1984

Farms 500 acres leased crop ground with no-till corn and soybeans. Helps farm 2000 acres with Ernie Lewis

Half owner in Pioneer Seed dealership Shoals, Indiana.

Graduate of Shoals High School and has 1 yr. computer science at the University of Tennessee.





Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Protecting and enhancing Indiana's soil and water resources for all Hoosiers



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May 3, 2011

To: State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB)

Re: Request for Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI) funding

The IASWCD has requested to be on the June 7, 2011 SSCB meeting to discuss the CCSI project for year three (3). However, we wanted to inform the SSCB that we will be making an official request for funding and hope that a decision can be made quickly as the current contract for the project runs out August 31, 2011. We would like to continue seamlessly into year three with funding in place.

Hans Kok, CCSI coordinator, and Les Zimmerman, IASWCD Assistant Region Director will be making the presentation to demonstrate the project's success and accomplishments from the first two years. We will also let you know about additional funding opportunities and pursuits we are making for the project.

We look forward to the discussion on CCSI and continuing our partnership on this successful project.

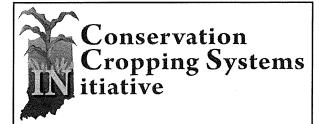
Sincerely,

Ray McCormick President

cc: Jerod Chew, ISDA Jane Hardisty, NRCS

Ray Molormick

THE IASWCD MISSION is to represent SWCDs as one voice and assist the leadership of local Districts through coordination and education for the wise use and management of our natural resources.



Update for the State Soil Conservation Board June 7, 2011

Hans Kok and Dan Towery, Coordinators
www.ccsin.org

CCSI Focus

- Conservation Tillage Initiative success (NRCS-Barry Fisher)
- Hans Kok and Dan Towery contracted
- Focus on 4 component system:
- -Continuous no-till/strip-till
- -Cover Crops
- -Precision farming technology
- -Nutrient and plant management



The CCSI website:

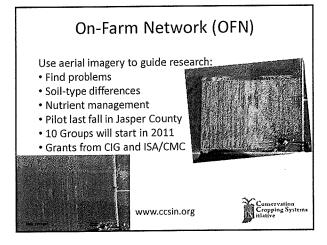
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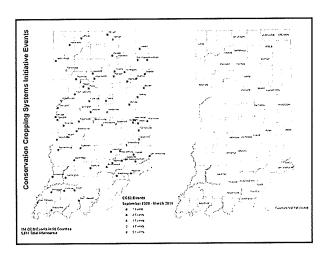
- · Cover crop, no-till info
- Video clips
- · Upcoming event listings, etc
- Field day and farm trial results
- Listservs (e-discussion groups)



CCSI efforts:

- Soil quality and soil biology consequences of tillage vs. no-till
- · Hands-on demonstrations
 - Slake test, rain simulators, farmer tests
- · Cover Crop demonstrations, field and indoors
 - Methods for seeding, terminating, crop choices
 - University research, models, nutrient capture
 - Farmer experiences
 - Future options, resources for farmers and districts





Support from partners

- Funding NRCS/SSCB
- Technical assistance from NRCS (Barry Fisher, etc)
- Travel assistance
- Web support ISDA
- Working together on projects (i.e. OFN with ISDA)
- Financial support for events, OFN (ISA)
- Regional Cover Crop Conference
- · Fund raising with IASWCD
- · Bookkeeping through IASWCD

CCSI: what's next? Year 3 and beyond

- Partners!
- ICP oversight committee meets regularly
- Technical Advisory Board met several times
- Continue working with active counties
- · Work with groups of counties
- Concentrate efforts on specific issues (e.g. watershed)?
- Use OFN and Cover Crops to reach tillage farmers
- Seek additional funding to sustain & expand CCSI
- · Assist other states with CCSI requests

Thank you!

Hans Kok (Carmel) HansKokLLC@gmail.com

(208) 596-2618

Barry Fisher (Greencastle)

Barry.Fisher@in.usda.gov 317-902-1101

Dan Towery (Lafayette)

Dan@AgConservationSolutions.com

(765) 490-0197

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Funding and oversight by the Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP)



- •IN Assoc of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- •State Soil Conservation Board

•IN State Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil Conservation

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•IN Department of Environmental Management



CCSI Budget

- 1st year: \$115,681
- 2nd year: \$178,000 (substantial increase in travel, contracts and compensation)
- 3rd year ASK: \$89,000 each from SSCB and **NRCS**



Summary of Returned Indiana Conservation Partnership's 2011 "Individual Development Inventories"

Name of Agency & Number of Employee Respondents (300 total respondents)

Agency:	FSA	IDEM	IDNR	ISDA	NRCS	Purdue	RC&D	SWCD
# of	36	18	16	23	101	11	1	94
Respondents:								

Number of Times A Training Subject or Objective was Identified as Needed by Employees (Top 51 Subjects out of 160) (Note: some subjects were offered under more than one category and will show up more than once. Employees were instructed to select each training topic only once however.)

D1		# of Times
Rank	Subject or Training Topic	Requested
1	Conservation Planning	72
2	Nutrient Management	65
3	USLE or RUSLE Evaluation	63
4	Weed ID	62
5	GIS - ArcView	60
6	Tree & Shrub ID	59
7	Wetland Restoration	57
8	Wetland Plant ID	56
9	Cover Crop	55
	Soil Properties &	
9	Interpretations	55
10	Grade Stabilization Structure	54
	Soil Testing & Interpreting	
11	Results	52
11	Wetland Restoration	52
12	Pest Management	51
13	Wetland Creation	50
	Hydric Soils for Wetland	
13	Delineation	50
13	Nutrient Management (NMP)	50
14	Filter Strip	49
14	Drainage Water Management	49
14	NRCS Customer Service Toolkit	49
	How to talk to producers -	
14	"selling conservation"	49
15	Pasture Management	48
16	GPS	47
	Soil Survey - Using for	
16	Planning	47
17	Grassed Waterway	46
17	Pasture & Range Forage ID	46
18	Pond	45

		# of Times
Rank	Subject or Training Topic	Requested
18	Prescribed Grazing	45
18	Stream Crossing	45
	Wetland Wildlife Habitat	
18	Management	45
19	Waste Storage Facility	44
19	Rain Gardens	44
20	Wetland Enhancement	43
20	Local Land Use Ordinances	43
	Water & Sediment Control	
21	Basin	41
22	Composting Facility	40
23	CNMP	39
23	Grant writing and reporting	39
24	Animal Mortality Facility	38
24	Pipeline	38
	Backyard Conservation /	
24	Wildlife	38
24	Quickbooks	38
25	Surveying	37
25	Conservation Programs	37
25	Conservation planning	37
25	Conservation Programs	37
26	Conservation Cover	36
26	Forestland Management	36
	Construction Erosion &	
27	Sediment Control	35
27	Stormwater Management	35
27	Load reductions/modeling	35

Summary of Returned SWCD 2011 "Individual Development Inventories"

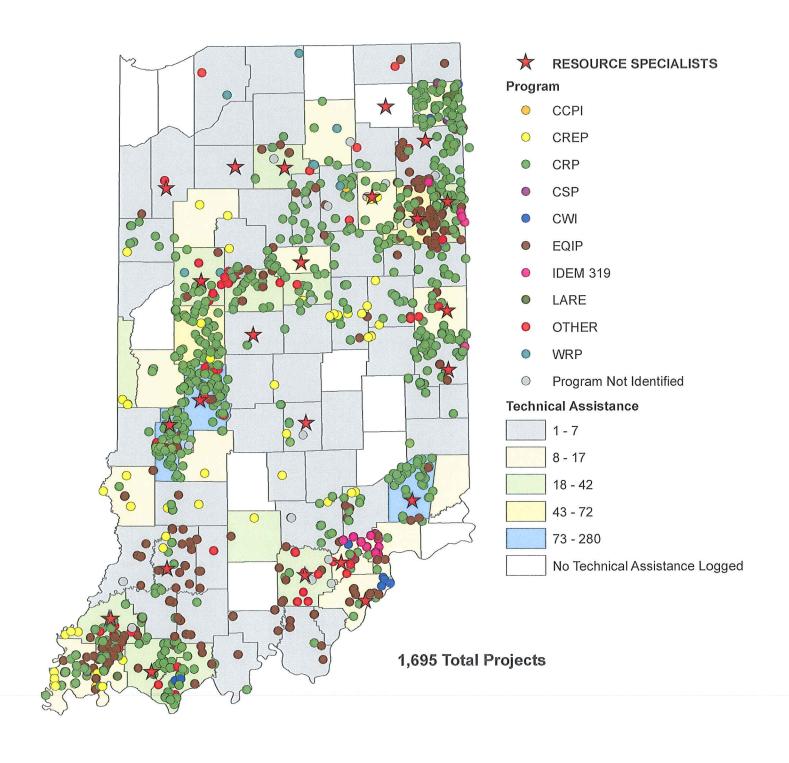
Total Number of SWCD Respondents: 94. (Approximate # of identified technicians that responded: 31 out of 44)

Number of Times A Training Subject or Objective was Identified as Needed by Employees (Top 55 Subjects out of 160) (Note: some subjects were offered under more than one category and will show up more than once. Employees were instructed to select each training topic only once however.

Rank	Subject or Training Topic	# of times Requested
nank 1	Conservation Planning	37
2	GIS - ArcView	34
	NRCS Customer Service	34
3	Toolkit	32
4	Grant writing and reporting	31
	How to talk to producers -	
4	"selling conservation"	31
5	Nutrient Management	30
5	Rain Gardens	30
5	Quickbooks	30
6	USLE or RUSLE Evaluation	28
	How to set up a cost-share	
6	program	28
	Backyard Conservation /	
7	Wildlife	27
8	Tree & Shrub ID	26
8	Website management	26
8	Marketing/Media	26
	How to set up a cost-share	
8	program	26
9	Cover Crop	25
9	Weed ID	25
10	GPS	24
	Soil Properties &	
10	Interpretations	24
10	Conservation Programs	24
11	Surveying	23
	Soil Survey - Using for	
11	Planning	23
12	Pond	22
12	Construction Erosion & Sediment Control	22
12	Grant writing	22
12	Conservation planning	22
12	Soil Testing & Interpreting	
13	Results	21

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Rank	Subject or Training Topic	Requested
13	Wetland Plant ID	21
13	Stormwater Management	21
13	Desktop Publishing	21
14	Wetland Restoration	20
14	District Law	20
14	NRCS ProTracts	20
14	Conservation Programs	20
15	Filter Strip	19
15	Grade Stabilization Structure	19
15	Grassed Waterway	19
15	Water & Sediment Control Basin	19
15	Local Land Use Ordinances	19
15	Pasture Management	19
15	Nutrient Management (NMP)	19
16	Stream Crossing	18
16	Pest Management	18
16	Hydric Soils for Wetland Delineation	18
16	Inventory - GIS and Data Sources	18
17	Conservation Cover Residue and Tillage Management, No Till/Strip	17
17	Till	17
17	Wetland Restoration	17
17	Wetland Creation	17
17	EFOTG	17
17	Water Quality Monitoring	17
17	Low Impact Development Planning	17
17	Septic System O&M	17
17	Load reductions/modeling	17
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DSC Conservation Practice Workload July 2010 thru May 2011



State Soil Conservation Board Report June 7, 2011

Wetlands and Storm Water Section Surface Water, Operations, and Enforcement Branch Office of Water Quality

Submitted by: Randy Braun, Section Chief

- The Storm Water Specialists have been conducting audits of the MS4 Construction Site Run-off
 Control Program. Audits of all MS4 entities in the state (188) should be completed in 2012.
 Reggie Korthals, MS4 Coordinator for IDEM is busily working to complete the MS4 audit for
 program components: Public Education, Public involvement, and Good housekeeping. She
 should complete this portion of the audits by the end of 2011.
- IDEM recently held an annual meeting for MS4 entities. The meeting was well attended and
 included a program to provide information and compliance assistance to MS4s. SWCD staff
 that are actively involved with MS4s, either through education and/or technical assistance also
 attended the meeting.
- The Storm Water Specialists are also working one on one with SWCDs on plan review and site inspections for Rule 5 projects.
- Work continues with INDOT to address program compliance with Rule 5, including plan review
 and site inspection of permitted INDOT projects. This work is taken on by each Regional Storm
 Water Specialist. In addition, IDEM is working with INDOT to revise standards and
 specifications for practices and assessing the effectiveness of procedures. IDEM also serves on
 a contractor led group that is working to improve the performance and understanding of
 contractors.
- In addition, to MS4 (Rule 13) and Rule 5 (Construction Site Run-off), the Storm Water Program also administers industrial storm water permits. Megan Nagle, Storm Water Specialist with primary responsibility for this portion of the program will be transferring to another section of IDEM. During her time in the Storm Water Program, Megan has elevated the effectiveness of the Rule 6 program. At this time, we are assessing our options to fill her position.
- The Wetlands Program is also undergoing several changes. Brad Baldwin has left the program to return to DNR. In addition, Liz Pelloso will be leaving for a new position with the EPA in Chicago. We will be requesting approval to fill both of these positions. In the interim, current wetlands staff is splitting up the duties to ensure permits are issued in a timely manner.
- IDEM has been working on a new agency wide database. The Storm Water Program was one of
 the first to be involved in the development of the database and an on-line permit application
 for Rule 5 and Rule 6. To date, Rule 6 is live and we are accepting applications on-line. Final
 testing for Rule 5 was completed last week. Final instruction and help text still needs to be
 completed. Once that is accomplished, Rule 5 will also be available to applicants to file Notices
 of Intent on-line.
- The past year, the Wetlands and Storm Water Section has been reporting directly to Martha Clark Mettler, IDEM Deputy Assistant Commissioner. This last quarter, the Wetlands and Storm Water Section became part of the new Surface Water, Operations, and Enforcement Branch. Mary Hollingsworth was recently chosen to be the new Branch Chief.

NRCS State Conservationist Report State Soil Conservation Board Meeting June 2011

Local Work Group Meetings

This year NRCS is asking the Local Working Groups to meet earlier in the year than in the past, and to discuss how well Indiana's current technical information and programs address the local resource concerns. Soil and Water Conservation Districts and District Conservationists are encouraged to hold meetings and submit feedback as soon as possible so data can be entered into the NRCS system by August 19.

WRP Funding

NRCS is still accepting applications for the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), which funds easements and restoration work. Easement values are based on Geographic Area Rate Caps (GARC) values, which increased five percent for 2011. Title to the land remains with the owner. If restoration work is needed, NRCS pays 100 percent of the costs, up to set maximum caps. NRCS is asking for help from SWCDs in promoting WRP on eligible lands.

FY2011 Contribution Agreements

NRCS is again interested in entering into Contribution Agreements with SWCDs for Administrative and Technical Assistance. Assistance is needed for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Security Program (CSP). Proposals should be submitted to NRCS by June 24, 2011.

Cover Crops in a Wet Spring

NRCS has been promoting the benefits of cover crops, even though some farmers have had to adjust management plans due to the wet spring. A recent NRCS news release included a quote from Barry Fisher, State Agronomist, "In a wet year cover crop growth can be much farther along than planned, so the management decisions on how to kill the cover crop have to be adjusted. Under these conditions a faster acting herbicide may be needed. However, cover crops are still worth the investment because they stabilize moisture levels and reduce erosion, scouring and nutrient losses." The news release promoted the Conservation Cropping System Initiative (CCSI), explaining that when used as part of a conservation cropping system, cover crops increase soil productive health and decrease risk, no matter what the conditions. Fields have less erosion and better moisture management with a cover crop, lessoning risks from drought or flooding.

RC&D Closeout

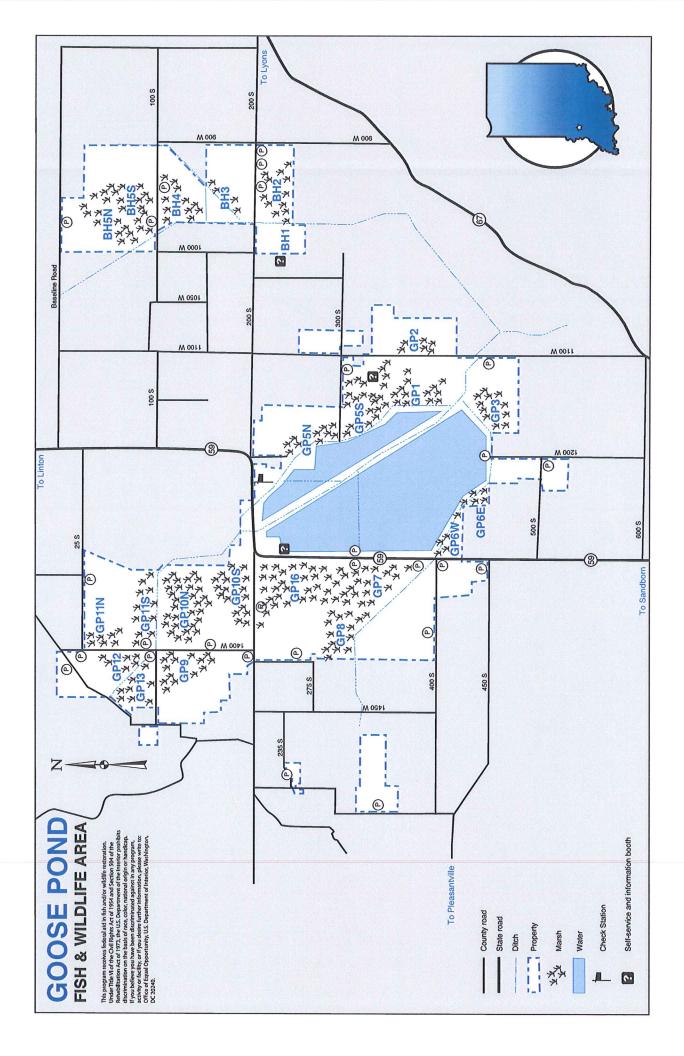
While the RC&D Program in the Farm Bill has not been deauthorized, the funding has been zeroed out for FY2011. While NRCS agreements funded with RC&D dollars are being terminated, other agreements with Councils, where work can continue without NRCS staff support, are being maintained. NRCS will continue to work with RC&Ds as a strong conservation partner in Indiana, regardless of RC&D funding through the Farm Bill.

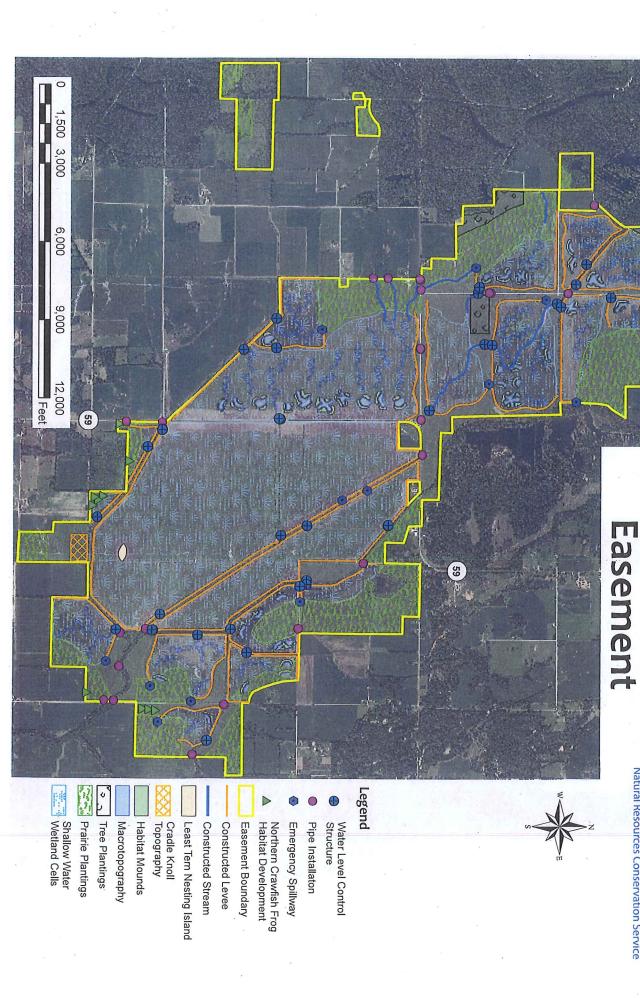
Watershed Operations Closeout

While the Watershed Operations Program has not been deauthorized, the funding has been zeroed out for FY2011. Indiana NRCS does not currently have any funded Watershed Operations projects or staff. Watershed Operations funding is authorized to pay for publicly sponsored projects with benefits directly related to agriculture, such as building or repairing floodwater retarding dams and reservoirs.

Continuity of Operations Earthquake Exercise

Indiana's USDA agencies participated in a mock disaster exercise May 16-19. The purpose of the exercise was to be fully prepared for a large scale earthquake should one ever occur in the state.





Goose Pond WRP WA ONRC

United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Beehunter Marsh WRP Easement Baseline Rd. **United States Department of Agriculture** Natural Resources Conservation Service CR 100 S Legend Water Level Control Structure Pipe Installaton Emergency Spillway **Easement Boundary** Constructed Levee Habitat Mounds Macrotopography Tree Plantings Prairie Plantings Shallow Water Wetland Cells CR 200 S 500 1,000 4,000 2,000 3,000 Feet